To: Minority Group Students

From: Arnold McKinney
Associate Dean of Students

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Re: Non-credit Reading Group

Earlier this year I spoke with several students in the Black Student Union about the possibility of running reading groups to study works by minority group writers. I think this would be a good way for you to become acquainted with authors that you may not be assigned in class. It will also be a way to have some good discussions about the history and status of Blacks and other minorities.

If you are interested in working in a reading group please let me know as soon as you return to campus. We will meet once a week to discuss a chosen book. We will start by reading The Autobiography of Malcolm X. The first meeting will be Wednesday, January 12th at 7:30 p.m. I will let you know where the meeting will be after I find out how many people will be involved. The second book we will read will be Black Power: The Politics of Liberation by Charles Hamilton and Stokely Carmichael. Both of these books are available in paperback for less than $2.50. Our second meeting will be Wednesday, January 19th at 7:30 p.m.

I am only interested in people who will read the work assigned and participate in the discussions. If there are twenty people at a meeting that will be great. If there are only two people involved that will be great. Please feel free to join us, but no half-stepping. Read the book or don't come. If you cannot locate a copy of the books please call me.

This group will not be restricted to members of the Black Student Union. Any person who considers himself or herself a member of a minority group should feel free to come. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING THE FIRST MEETING SO THAT I CAN ARRANGE FOR REFRESHMENTS (the A & P has a hard time stocking pigs' feet so it will be necessary to let them know in advance if we want an order).